

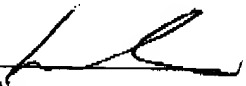
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15, 19 and 22 were pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 15 and 19 have been cancelled. Claim 22 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Upon entry of the above-made amendments, therefore claim 22 will be pending in the current applications. During the phone interview, the Examiner has brought to Applicants' attention that claim 22 as amended may be subject to obviousness double patenting rejection in light of US 6,156,292, US 5,897,851, US 5,558,094 and US 6,620,404. The Examiner further stated that claim 22 would be allowable if a terminal disclaimer is filed with respect to these four issued patents. In response, Applicants submit that a terminal disclaimer is filed with required fees concurrently herewith. Allowance of the current application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that may arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,


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